

County Index Map

(Excerpt from 2005-2006 School District Review Program Information and Instructions from US Census Bureau)

The county index map can be used to identify the general location of school districts within the county. It displays the boundaries and Federal LEA ID numbers of the school districts, all major roads in the county, and the location of places.

USE THE COUNTY INDEX MAPS ONLY AS REFERENCE MAPS, DO NOT ANNOTATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES ON THEM.

The maps display the school districts in three categories; unified (K-12), secondary, and elementary. The Census Bureau has assigned each school district to one of these categories based on the **operational** grade range of the school district, not on its financially responsible grade range (even if that is different than its operational grade range). For example, a school district will appear on the maps as an elementary school district if it operates K-8 schools and pays another school district to provide education for children in grades 9-12.

The area of each elementary and unified school district appears on the map in a UNIQUE color/pattern combination. The BORDER of the county index map includes a key that displays all of the school district patterns displayed on the maps along with the Federal LEA ID number that represents the school district that is associated with that color/pattern combination. The boundaries for secondary school districts appear on the county index map as solid black lines and their Federal LEA ID numbers are displayed in black on the map.

Overlaid on the map is a grid that represents the layout of the annotation map sheets. The area of each annotation "parent" map sheet is represented by a gray rectangle with the map sheet number appearing in the middle of the rectangle.